



Angelo Artemas

April 20, 2023

Rev. Protopresbyter Angelo Artemas, of Woodland Park, NJ, fell asleep in the Lord on April 20, 2023, after a short but powerful fight with cancer (glioblastoma). Father Angelo is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Patricia and their adored daughters Katie (New York), Maria (New York), and Eleni and son-in-law Brandon Putre (Denver).

Fr. Angelo was born in Great Falls, Montana, on a Sunday morning to Fr. John and Presbyteria Nikie Artemas. As a son of a priest, he grew up serving the church and learning about the Orthodox faith. In 1985, he met his wife, Patricia Guethlein, after attending two Young Adult League conferences in Detroit and Seattle. They were married in August of 1986 in Cincinnati, OH. They went on to grow their family with three beautiful girls - Katie, Maria and Eleni. Fr. Angelo attended Canisius College in Buffalo, NY, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He went on to attend Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Yonkers, New York,

where he earned both his Master of Divinity and completed coursework toward his Doctor of Ministry. While he was working toward his doctorate, he became a certified trainer through the National Institute of Youth Ministry in Irvine, California.

On April 12, 1987, Fr. Angelo was ordained a deacon at Annunciation Church in Buffalo, NY, and then ordained a priest on August 17, 1988, at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Toledo, OH. Both ordinations were celebrated by Bishop Timothy of Detroit. On November 1, 2020, he was elevated to the rank of Protopresbyter by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ.

Fr. Angelo will always be revered for his strong moral ethics and convictions. In every decision he made, he stayed firm in his Orthodox Christian belief to always serve his faith and his family with truth and love. Behind every decision was both a humble and humorous spirit, always being the first to find light and levity during difficult times.

His extensive knowledge of music, movies, sports, and pop culture aided his impactful ministry with the youth and everyone with whom he engaged. Fr. Angelo served as the National Youth Director for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (GOA) from October 1991 – July 1997. His involvement spanned groups from St. Michael's Home in Yonkers, NY, the

Greek American

Motorcycle Association (GAMA) in Chicago, IL, the Character Counts Committee in Glenview, IL, and guest lecturing at multiple universities.

Many also remember Fr. Angelo as an author for his column in the GOA's national newspaper the Orthodox Observer, where he eloquently analyzed various modern-day topics with a spiritual lens. He also compiled and edited the newspaper's youth supplement.

Fr. Angelo was blessed to serve a number of communities. Most recently he was Dean of the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ since January of 2019.

Fr. Angelo had previously served at St. George Church in Clifton, NJ (December 2016 – January 2019), Holy Trinity Cathedral in Charlotte, NC (June 2015 – June 2016), Annunciation Church in Milwaukee, WI (June 2012 – June 2015), Saints Peter and Paul Church in Glenview, IL (June 2001- May 2012), St. George in Downey, CA (August 1997- June 2001) the Archdiocese Youth Office (September 1991- July 1997), and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Toledo, OH (July 1988 – September 1991).

Fr. Angelo was predeceased by his mother Presbytera Nikie Artemas, brother Peter and his in-laws Stan and Sophia Guethlein. In addition to his Presbytera Patricia and children, Father

leaves behind his siblings Elaine (Chris Tikka), Lucy (Mike Banks), sister-in-law Stephanie McElroy, and his nieces and nephews Nikie and John Tikka, Alexandra Artemas, and Kira and Sophia McElroy.

A viewing will take place from 4-8PM on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at The Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian, Tenafly, NJ. Trisagion Service at 6PM presided by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros. A second viewing will be held 4-8PM on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview, IL. Liturgy beginning at 9:30AM followed by the Funeral Service at 11AM, Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview, IL and presided over by Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Project Mexico or International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. John The Theologian Greek Orthodox Church
353 E Clinton Ave
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Presbytera Patricia, Maria, Katie, Eleni & Brandon,
Please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of your amazing
husband and father. His loss will be greatly felt by many, but not
more than his family. May his memory forever be eternal. Lifting you
all up in prayer as you go through these difficult times. Please know
your friends and family in Cincinnati are thinking of you all. Keep
your wonderful memories close to your hearts always.
Love, Christine & George Frankenstein & Family*

Christine Frankenstein - May 01, 2023 at 10:23 AM

JA

“ *Συλλυπητήρια from the Anagnos Family of Toledo, Ohio. May his
memory be eternal.*

Joyce Anagnos - April 27, 2023 at 11:14 AM

DA

“ *Even though I am not religious, but I am very thankful, that you have
been there for a very important person in my life.
Daniel*

daniel - April 26, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *May his sweet memory be eternal!*

Father was such a kind man. He helped our group, Eikona, get off the ground by writing a very nice article about us in the Orthodox Observer many years ago. Fr. Angelo was faithful, humble, funny, and always down to earth. Such an example for us all! Kalo Paradiso! May he experience blessed paradise with our Lord and the Saints+++

Love, the Eikona Sisters...Pres. Stacey, Pres. Marika and Chrysanthy

Stacey Dorrance - April 25, 2023 at 10:15 PM

JA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Father Angelo and his beloved family. He was an amazing priest who left his mark at Annunciation in Milwaukee, WI*

Jane - April 25, 2023 at 03:04 PM

RH

“ *I am so very sorry to is father and his family. I knew him as a little boy in Joliet. He was a nice young boy and he will be missed by all.*

Robin Honiotes - April 24, 2023 at 10:39 AM

EL

“ What can one say about the most beautiful soul ever to touch our lives? That’s who Fr. Angelo was. He was truly the best of the best. He was a trailblazer and in his ministry he related to everyone young and old with his amazing sermons that would make us laugh, cry and smile. His charisma, humor and excitement had everyone glued to him. He was loved by everyone. He was also eccentric. He had a special yearly service for the Greek American Motorcycle Association. He had a great passion for riding his motorcycle. I have fond memories from when he gave my children and me rides on his motorcycle. He also had a special service once a year and blessed all of the pets of his parishioners. How cool was that? He was taken too soon. He believed so strong in his faith and convictions. That is what made him an amazing priest. His love for his family and his ministry meant the world to him. I thank God I was so blessed to have him as my brother. We love you. We will miss you and we will always remember and cherish you, my precious and beloved brother. May your memory be eternal!!! 🙏❤️✝️🙏
I love forever and ever,
your sister Elaine aka “Lainey”

Elaine - April 23, 2023 at 07:57 PM

AC

“ Dear Presvitera Patricia, Maria, Katie, Elena and Brandon,

Christos Anesti.

The fact that Fr. Angelo went to heaven during Bright Week is proof that he will be greeted there by our Lord and Savior with open arms.

I, my wife Lia, and daughters Alexis and Christina will miss Father Angelo terribly. His warm smile, compassionate heart, and wise counsel were a source of reassurance and support. Nevertheless, I can't express our sorrow enough that he is no longer with us.

While our hearts are heavy with grief, let's take solace that Father Angelo is now in a better place has left behind an enormous legacy to each of us.

Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God continue to give you the strength and courage to face the days ahead.

Arthur and Lia Chagaris and Family.

Arthur Chagaris - April 23, 2023 at 11:11 AM

AS

“ May God receive Fr. Angelo Artemas into his opening loving arms for his ultimate welcome home 🙏🇺🇸 rip

Allan Schaefer - April 23, 2023 at 09:47 AM

MM

“ Christ is Risen! While I am so heavy hearted to learn of the passing of our dear Fr. Angelo, I am simultaneously grateful for the opportunity to have been one of his spiritual children. He had tremendous impact on my life along with so many others. Memory eternal! Much love to Patricia and the girls. Christ is Risen!

Michelle Moujaes - April 23, 2023 at 01:30 AM

BN

“ I worked with Father Angelo when he was Youth Director and I remember when your whole family came to San Diego for our YAL in 1998. I always had a smile on my face when I was with Father Angelo and he taught me more about our Holy Orthodox Faith. May his memory be eternal. Praying for you Katie and the entire family.
Bill Navrides

Bill Navrides - April 23, 2023 at 01:25 AM

BL

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to the Artemas Family. May he rest in peace. And may his memory warm your hearts and give you strength.
Τα συλλυπητηρια μου.

Bessie Batalas Long

Bessie Batalas Long - April 22, 2023 at 12:39 PM

PA

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to the Artemas family. A wonderful person taken too soon. May God Bless your family.

Peter Altobelli

Peter Altobelli - April 22, 2023 at 08:06 AM

VK

“ One of the best men I have ever known. We were there when he performed Divine Liturgy in a strip mall in Downey. He wanted young children to be in church during services. My son Michael's love of the faith and the church started there. My convert wife, Deborah, was made to feel welcome, and like she belonged. He pulled me out of the fire several times through confessions. In my family's eyes, he was a giant of the Greek Orthodox faith. Rest peacefully, old friend. You did your job well.

Vassilis Korakis

Vassilis Korakis - April 22, 2023 at 02:14 AM

DC

“ To Entire Artemas Family:
My heart is broken. Taken way too soon
I had the privilege of working with Fr. Angelo as NY YAL
Coordinator when he was assigned to the Archdiocese Youth office.
Was a joy and honor to work along side him. You will be solely
missed by all the lives your touched. Memory Eternal, Job well
done. Pray for all of us up in Heaven.
Dimitri Cotelidis

Dimitri Cot - April 21, 2023 at 10:50 PM

PL

“ Dear Patricia, Katie, Maria, Eleni, and Brandon:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this incredibly difficult time. We love you all so very much.

*Love,
Natasha, Amy, and Pavlik*

To my dearest friend Angelo:

Thank you for a lifetime of timeless and unforgettable memories. I feel so blessed and fortunate to have known you and your family. I will take you and the memory of you with me for the rest of my life. I love you and I will miss you my Brother.

*Much love,
Pavlik*

Paul Lazor - April 21, 2023 at 10:27 PM

PT

“ *I'm so grateful the time my husband and I had with Fr Angelo and Patricia in October at the National Clergy Couples Retreat. Fr. Ted and I got to know them on a deeper level as friends and mentors. My heart breaks for the loss, not only for the Artemas Family, but for his parishes and for our entire Archdiocese... he was/is an amazing Priest and friend. May his memory be eternal! Christ is Risen!*

Pres. Vicki Toppses - April 21, 2023 at 06:32 PM

TM

“ I couldn't find a priest to give my dad his last rites in the hospital because every priest in my are was in Greece on vacation! Father Angelo came to the hospital and was able to give him last rites before we took him off life support! He gaves us such strength! And big surprise to us he was also the priest that was at the funeral! My heart aches for his family and friends! May his memory be eternal!
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Tasia Miaoulis - April 21, 2023 at 01:51 PM

PT

“ We were so blessed to spend time with Fr Angelo and Pres Patricia at our recent Clergy Couples Retreat last October. Fr Angelo's joyous smile and shining spirit will forever be remembered. Hearts aching for such a tremendous loss. We hold your entire family in our hearts and prayers. Truly the timing of his passing away during Bright Week is a reminder of Christ's resurrection and life eternal given to the beloved servant of God Fr Angelo. May His Memory Be Eternal.



Pat Tsagalakis - April 21, 2023 at 01:02 PM

CD

“ Our hearts are so broken. Father Angelo was my spiritual father. I told him everything shameful I felt, all my sins...and his one response lives in me: “I hope my daughters grow up to be just like you.” He was truly a light in this world, and now it's a little darker.

Chrysa Dina - April 21, 2023 at 12:29 PM

GS

“ Fr Angelo was kind and caring, and always had a huge smile on his face. He embraced his flock lovingly, and will be greatly missed. May your memory be eternal dear brother in Christ. Christ is Risen! Pres. Gigi

Gigi Souritzidis - April 21, 2023 at 12:25 PM

BG

“ Our beloved Fr. Angelo Artemas was a priest of integrity, dedication, generosity and faithfulness. I already miss his intelligence, fellowship, and his willingness to boldly tell the truth. His struggle has been remarkable yet he persisted for the cause of Jesus Christ! May his memory be eternal! in the risen Lord, Fr Bill Gikas

BILL GIKAS - April 21, 2023 at 12:03 PM

FJ

Dearest brother....may God grant you rest with all the righteous as you now serve at His Heavenly Altar!!!

Thank you for touching the lives of our children...Chrysa, Nicholas, Anthony, Andrianna!!!!

Eternal Memory dear brother and concelebrant!!!
Fr Nick & Anastasia Jonas

Fr Nicholas Jonas - April 21, 2023 at 12:32 PM

LA

I love 💔💔 You, life will never ever be complete again without you, you guided me ,supported me protected me , you were my brother and my best friend, I'm so honored to call you ours, until we meet again! 🙏

Lucy Artemas - April 22, 2023 at 01:01 AM

AA

Fr. Angelo Artemas was a priest of integrity, dedication, generosity and faith. We already miss his intelligence, fellowship, and his willingness to boldly tell the truth. Fr Angelo's joyous smile and shining spirit will forever be remembered. May his memory be eternal.

Alec and Frances Alexiades - April 22, 2023 at 07:17 PM

FC

Presvytera Patricia, I'll miss his friendship and our conversations. I'll always treasure his prayers for bikers and animals, his sharp wit and infectious smile.

Our archdiocese is the poorer without him. I can't even fathom your loss. May you always be nurtured by his memory, and may God grant him the peace he so deserves.

Fr. John Chryssavgis - April 23, 2023 at 11:45 PM

RA

Presvytera Patricia, Our deepest condolences on the loss of Fr. Angelo - a beloved class-mate and friend from our days studying at St. Vlad's! May God grant you and your family strength, consolation and comfort during this difficult time. May his memory be eternal!

Christos Anesti!

Fr. Peter & Presv. Hara Avgeropoulos, Toronto, Canada

Rev. Peter AVGEROPOULOS - April 24, 2023 at 05:51 PM